

Iron County Register

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BRANTON, MISSOURI

In the last two years about 5,000,000 mulberry trees have been planted in Argentina, which has now about 10,000,000 of such trees.

Bostonians are still true to the baked bean. Last year they spent on their favorite diet more than the cost of two battleships, or \$6,589,272.

The Portuguese government will build a railroad from Delagoa bay to Swaziland. That adds one more to the many "openings up" in Africa.

Akonia is the name of a substance manufactured in England, which, dissolved in the water with which the streets are sprinkled, is said to prevent dust from rising.

Gov. George H. Utter, of Rhode Island, is a Seventh Day Adventist, and, therefore, on the last day of the week the executive department of the state does no business.

During the recent yellow fever epidemic in New Orleans not one case made its appearance among the soldiers of Jackson barracks, only 159 feet from the nearest infected point.

The dead bodies of prospectors are found day after day in Death Valley, Southern California. Always the unfortunate have discarded all their clothing in the agonies of heat and thirst.

Italian prisons got so full this year that the government had to resort to royal clemency to some of the occupants in order to make room for delinquents crowded out. A decree was issued last August and since then 1,336 prisoners have been pardoned, and 3,072 have had their sentences reduced.

It is extremely gratifying to learn that at least one of the great European countries, England, has materially reduced its annual drink bill in recent years. In 1904 the consumption of spirits in England was less than half what it was in 1900, while that of beer was also smaller. Last year the total of England's drink bill was \$85,000,000 less than it was five years before.

It has been calculated that more than 2,000 persons starved to death in Spain last summer. The famine was due to the drought. Horrifying as are these figures the Spanish mortality occupies an unimportant place in the record of the world's great famines. In the great famine in India in 1769-70, 3,000,000 people are supposed to have perished, and 1,500,000 died in the famine of 1866.

A Western railroad with an Eastern terminus in Chicago has announced a new plan in excursion business. Hereafter it will conduct excursions in the winter. Heretofore, the harvest time of railroad excursion traffic has been in the summer season. But the railroads apparently have persistently overlooked the fact that this is also another harvest time. The farmer is busy in summer, and the excursions, no matter how much they may tempt him, are not possibilities of which he can take advantage.

Owing to the scandalous sale of titles the aristocracy in France today is exactly twice as numerous as it was before the great revolution of 1789, which was aimed at the aristocracy, and by which all titles of nobility were abolished. Previous to that time there were not more than 238 French princes and dukes; today there are 460. At the beginning of the 19th century there were in all 83,000 titled people. There are now 200,000 in individuals duly possessed of patents of nobility.

President Roosevelt's instant and cordial response to the request of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis reflects the far-reaching activity now in progress not merely that tuberculosis may be cured, but that it may be prevented. The president recently appointed a committee to prepare and submit a plan by which government offices and workshops may be so improved and protected that the danger of tuberculosis contamination will be reduced to a minimum, if not absolutely eliminated.

According to a report issued by the geological survey the total output of crude petroleum in the United States in 1904 was 117,063,421 barrels. The total value of all the petroleum marketed in the United States in 1904 was \$101,170,466. The gain over the production of 1903 was 16,002,084 barrels in quantity and \$6,476,416 in value. The report says that all indications point to an increase in the production of petroleum in the United States for a series of years. The increased demand for petroleum is attributed to the use for autos.

In aggregate entrances and clearances in the foreign trade London leads all the world's ports, with New York second and Antwerp third. New York's tonnage in the foreign trade is growing faster than London's. It will probably pass London in that field by 1910. But by 1910 or 1912 Antwerp is likely to pass both London and New York, and take the first place among the world's foreign shipping points. In foreign trade, however, the Belgian port is growing faster than its British and American rivals.

The present amir of Afghanistan, Habibullah Khan, is described as an astute and clever ruler, a strict follower of Islam, and a lover of peace. These qualities have stood him in good part as monarch of the turbulent little domain which has so long been a buffer between the conflicting ambitions of England and Russia. The amir's full title, Qaisar-i-Millat-wadin, translated literally means "Light of Union and Religion," and it is to his credit that he tries to live up to it in every particular. The amir succeeded to the throne in 1901.

THE SAME, ONLY DIFFERENT.



Minneapolis Journal.

DECIDED TO MEET IN ROME

World's Sunday-School Convention of 1907 to Meet in Eternal City.

It is Anticipated That the Convention Will Be the Largest in the History of the Movement.

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.—The central committee representing the World's Sunday-School convention, in charge of the interests of 250,000 Sunday schools with an enrollment of 26,000,000 members, met in this city, Wednesday, and voted to hold the world's fifth convention in Rome, Italy, May 20-23, 1907.

Representatives were present from various parts of the United States and Canada. Dr. Geo. W. Bailey, of this city, chairman of the world's Sunday-school committee, presided at the meeting, and George W. Penniman, of Brooklyn, Mass., acted as secretary.

It is anticipated that the convention will be the largest in the history of the Sunday school movement. W. N. Hartshorn, of Boston, chairman of the international committee, and secretary of the world's convention, was made chairman of the committee on transportation. It was voted to authorize the chairman, Dr. Bailey, to establish headquarters in this city. In planning for the convention, one of the matters decided was the appointment of Rev. R. Bakall, of Philadelphia, as director of the Sunday school exposition to be held in connection with the convention. It was decided to hold a preparatory communion service in Rome Sunday morning, May 19, and similar service in each of the churches of the different denominations. It was unanimously voted to ask Rev. Carey Bonner, of London, England, secretary of the British Sunday-school union, to take charge of the music of the convention.

HAZING TO BE STAMPED OUT
The Naval Academy to Be Purged of Hazing. Regardless of the Number of Dismissals Necessary.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Hazing of every kind, it was announced, Thursday, would be stamped out of the naval academy, regardless of the number of dismissals from the brigade of midshipmen necessary to bring about this result. Two midshipmen will be dismissed from the academy within a few days by the secretary of the navy, one for hazing and the other for countenancing it by failure, while on duty, to report its occurrence. Other dismissals will follow as often as midshipmen are found guilty of hazing or countenancing it.

No secret is made at the navy department of the determination to make short shrift of hazing.

ALL RECORDS SURPASSED
Holiday Trade, Which Has Been the Prevailing Business Feature, Has Been Phenomenal.

New York, Dec. 16.—Bradstreet's weekly review says:
Holiday trade has absorbed attention this week and reports from all over the country are unanimous that all records for this stage of the season have been surpassed. In retail trade proper there is some complaint of mild weather retarding sales of heavy clothing and footwear. Wholesale trade is quiet except where liberal reorders for holiday goods have reached jobbers from retailers. The usual end of the year inventories are being prepared for by first hands, while jobbers are making some special sales of goods adapted to the season. Spring trade reports thus far are satisfactory. Manufacturing is still as active as ever, notable in this respect being iron and steel.

Woman Says Kendall Is the Man.
Chicago, Dec. 14.—James Kendall has been identified by Mrs. M. M. Baumgartner as the visitor of Maud Reese, who was killed in her apartments by a burglar, November 21. I remember the little hump on his back and the way he stands," said Mrs. Baumgartner.

Bride of Two Weeks Electrocuted.
Ballinger, Tex., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Solon Hughes, a bride of two weeks, went to the electric light plant to visit her husband. She placed her hand upon a live wire, dropping dead almost at the feet of her husband.

Called On Great "Pacificator."
Washington, Dec. 14.—Among President Roosevelt's callers was Andrew Carnegie, who is in the city on business connected with the institution which bears his name. "I called," said Mr. Carnegie, "merely to pay my respects to the great pacificator."

May Increase City Father's Pay.
St. Louis, Dec. 14.—Councilman Thompson's bill provides for an increase from \$25 a month to \$2,400 a year of the salaries of members of the municipal assembly.

N. C. DOUGHERTY'S SHORTAGE

Report of the Everitt Auditing Committee Appointed to Investigate the Defalcation.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 15.—The Everitt auditing committee, which is investigating the shortage in the accounts of N. C. Dougherty, former school superintendent, will make a report to the school board Monday night, and this, the first public announcement of the shortage will show that the accounts are short slightly over \$400,000 in the last five years, and that the defalcation will run back for several years further.

The official shortage for the year ending June, 1905, is \$94,000; for 1904, \$90,000; 1903, \$80,000 and for the two years preceding, a total of about \$100,000.

In the possession of the school board now is properly turned over by Dougherty aggregating in value \$220,000, and the balance of approximately \$200,000 is unsecured.

RECOGNIZE HILL'S EFFORTS

President James J. Hill of the Great Northern Railway Co., Guest of Honor at a Banquet in St. Paul.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 15.—Three hundred of St. Paul's business and professional men, besides a number of visitors from other states, sat down to a banquet at the Ryan hotel, at 7:15 p. m., in honor of James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway Co., in recognition of his efforts in behalf of the northwest. For every place occupied \$12.50 was paid. The banquet was given under the auspices of the St. Paul Commercial club, and was the most elaborate and artistic affair ever produced in the northwest, judged from the standpoint of floral decorations alone.

TO TAKE UP BROADER WORK
President Henry S. Pritchett of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Has Resigned.

Boston, Dec. 14.—President Henry S. Pritchett, the executive head of the Massachusetts institute of technology, has handed his resignation to the corporation of the institution. President Pritchett's retirement is prompted by his desire to devote his entire time to the Carnegie foundation, of which he is president, and which was endowed with a fund of \$10,000,000 by Andrew Carnegie about a year ago.

President Pritchett has been at the head of the institute for over five years.

NAMED BY GOV. CHAMBERLAIN
John M. Gearin, of Portland, Named as United States Senator From the State of Oregon.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 14.—Gov. Chamberlain has appointed, to succeed the late John H. Mitchell as United States senator, according to advices received from Salem, Wednesday evening, John M. Gearin, of this city, a democrat, the first of that political faith to represent this state since 1878.

Mr. Gearin will start for Washington next Saturday, and will probably take the oath of office and enter upon his duties before the holiday recess.

A Comet Discovered.
Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 16.—A telephone message was received at Harvard observatory, Friday, from Prof. Percival Lowell, of the Flagstaff (Ariz.) observatory, who is in the east, stating that a comet was found by Prof. Slipher on a photograph made November 29. The comet was moving four miles per hour in a direction 15 degrees north of west. Moonlight has since interfered with observation.

A Veteran Missouri Jurist.
Lexington, Mo., Dec. 16.—Judge John E. Ryland of this city, criminal judge for 28 years of this the fifteenth judicial circuit, died here Friday. Rev. E. P. Ryland, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Los Angeles, Cal., is a son of the deceased.

A Clerk's Good Luck.
Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 16.—John Mooney, a dry goods clerk, has been advised that he is heir to a \$75,000 estate in Ireland, left by a deceased uncle. Accompanying the letter was a check for \$60,000.

Five Years For Killing Partner.
Paducah, Ky., Dec. 16.—Hammond H. Loving, who shot and killed H. A. Rose, his partner, on August 3 last, was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

Burr McIntosh As a Lecturer.
Washington, Dec. 15.—Burr McIntosh made his initial appearance as a lecturer at the National theater, Thursday, before a large and representative audience. His subject was "With Secretary Taft in the Orient."

CHAS. F. PFISTER CLEARED

The Milwaukee Capitalist Declared Innocent of Larceny by Baillee.

He Was Charged With Appropriating \$14,000 Belonging to the Wisconsin Rendering Co.

Milwaukee, Dec. 16.—Judge Branze, in the municipal court, Friday, decided that Charles F. Pfister was not guilty of larceny as baillee, as charged in the indictment returned August 4 by the grand jury. The decision was on a motion to dismiss the defendant after the state had rested its case.

The charge against Mr. Pfister was that of larceny as baillee of \$14,000 belonging to the Wisconsin Rendering Co. Mr. Pfister was the recipient of many congratulations, after the decision had been rendered. In an interview, Mr. Pfister expressed himself as follows:

"One can hardly comprehend the feelings of a man falsely accused, day after day in a criminal court, with the knowledge of innocence in his heart, with the officers of a great state seeking to convict him in any event. There is nothing much I can say. Absolute proof of my innocence was easy of ascertainment had the district attorney cared to procure it. It may seem a small thing to them to indict and prosecute a man for an infamous offense, but it is a terrible thing for an innocent man to be compelled to submit to it. I have nothing to say at this time as to the motives inspiring those who have sought to disgrace and ruin me. I have only to say further that I hope that no innocent man will ever be obliged to undergo the same ordeal. My indictment was false, cruel and inhuman, my prosecution worse."

TRADE WITH THE PHILIPPINES

The Trade Is Steadily Increasing. That For Current Calendar Year Being Estimated at \$20,000,000.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Estimates made by the bureau of statistics, department of commerce and labor, based on the returns for ten months ended with October, are that the aggregate commerce between the United States and the Philippine islands for the calendar year 1905 will amount to about \$20,000,000, against about \$15,000,000 in 1904, \$10,000,000 in 1903; \$4,000,000 in 1902, and a little more than \$4,000,000 in 1897, the year prior to the American occupation. Prior to 1899, the exports from the United States to the Philippines, the bureau reports show, had never exceeded a quarter of a million dollars, while in the present year they will aggregate nearly \$6,000,000. Imports from the islands, which ranged between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 per annum prior to 1899, were, in 1902, \$10,000,000; in 1903, \$12,000,000, and in 1905 will be about \$14,000,000, according to the bureau estimates.

The imports in 1905 are chiefly of hemp and sugar. Hemp imports for the first ten months of 1905 amounted to \$10,376,528, and sugar, \$2,212,249.

WHEN CONGRESS ADJOURNS

Nicholas Longworth and His Bride-to-Be Are Planning to Make a Tour of Europe.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Miss Alice Roosevelt now realizes for the first time her great popularity throughout the country. Hundreds of manifestations and good wishes have been received in the form of letters, telegrams, flowers and personal calls.

Mr. Longworth announces that after the wedding he will take his bride for a short trip, and would then return to the Eighteenth street home until after the adjournment of congress. They would then go on a European tour, which might last several months, and their permanent home would be made in Cincinnati.

APPLICATION FOR CLEMENCY

The French Foreign Office Asked to Substitute a Fine For the Prison Sentence of Elliott F. Shepard.

Paris, Dec. 15.—Application for executive clemency has been submitted to the foreign office in behalf of Elliott F. Shepard, of New York, who was sentenced, October 26, to three months' imprisonment and \$129 fine and to pay \$4,000 damages to the parents of Madeleine Marduel, who was killed by Mr. Shepard's automobile April 24. The purpose of the application is to have a fine substituted for the imprisonment. Premier Rouvier has referred the application to the ministry of justice.

FIRE AT DALLAS, ILLINOIS

Two of the Principal Business Blocks, Including the Bank and Weekly Review Office Burned.

Dallas, Ill., Dec. 18.—Two of the principal business blocks of this place were completely destroyed by fire Sunday morning, along with the contents, entailing a loss of about \$80,000, with very little insurance. The fire was caused by an explosion of a coal oil stove. Among the losers is the Review, a weekly newspaper, and the First National bank.

Boy Killed, Sick Brother Shot.
Torre Haute, Ind., Dec. 15.—Gilbert Hoffman, aged four, of Prairie City, in reaching for a stick, knocked down a shotgun, and was killed by its accidental discharge. In the same room a brother and a sister lay ill with typhoid fever. The brother was injured by the shot.

Sentenced For Selling Liquor.
Anadarko, Okla., Dec. 15.—Rev. Frank Brown, a Methodist clergyman, pleaded guilty to selling liquor to Indians, and was fined \$100 and sentenced to 60 days in jail.

Overland Marchers Stuck in Mud.
San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 15.—The Sixth United States battery, marching 1,000 miles from Fort Riley, Kas., to Fort Sam Houston at San Antonio, is stuck in the mud and practically helpless in the neighborhood of Decatur, Tex.

Children Caused \$10,000 Fire.
Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 15.—Fire destroyed the Crossfield and Dorn business buildings at Carman, with a loss of \$10,000. Children playing with matches caused the blaze.

FOUR LIVES LOST IN A FIRE

Mrs. Wm. Marsh, Two Children and James Dwyer Victims of a Theater Fire at Loraine, O.

Loraine, O., Dec. 18.—Four lives were lost in a fire which destroyed the Verbeck theater here early Sunday morning.

The dead: James Dwyer, aged 28. Mrs. William Marsh, aged 24, and her two children, Grace, aged three years, and Clifford, aged seven months. The Marsh family had apartments on the third floor. William Marsh was stage manager for the theater. Dwyer, an employee of the theater, slept in the basement, where the fire originated, from which escape was cut off. Mrs. Marsh and her children were suffocated by smoke.

William Marsh was not at home when the fire occurred.

WITH BULLET FROM OLD GUN

Charles B. Eames, Vice-President St. Louis Credit Clearinghouse, Accidentally Killed.

St. Louis, Dec. 18.—A bullet from an antique rifle that had been loaded perhaps for fifty years penetrated the head of Charles B. Eames, vice-president of the credit clearinghouse and a collector of old weapons, as he stood by the furnace in his home at No. 4347 Page avenue, Sunday, watching the flames burn off the stock. He died several hours afterwards without regaining consciousness.

Mr. Eames had for many years been a collector of ancient weapons, and whenever he has had an opportunity he had purchased old guns, pistols and swords. The gun with which he lost his life was one of three he discovered and purchased Saturday at a second-hand store.

FOR THE TWO NEW STATES

Republican House Caucus Declares Unanimously in Favor of Creating Two New States.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The republican members of the house, in caucus, Thursday, unanimously declared in favor of admitting Oklahoma and the Indian territory as one state, and by a vote of 110 to 65, declared in favor of admitting Arizona and New Mexico as one state. Both statehood questions are to be contained in one bill. The conference which resulted in this action took place immediately at the conclusion of the session of the house and occupied an hour and a half.

TOGO TO COME IN THE FALL

Ambassador Griscom Reports Projected Call of Japanese Admiral and His Fleet.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Admiral Togo of the Japanese navy, will visit the United States next fall with a large fleet of warships. Lloyd Griscom, the American minister to Japan, who has reached here, so reported to Mr. Roosevelt.

Mr. Griscom will probably be promoted to be the American ambassador to Japan when Japan has raised the rank of its legation here.

NEW HEAD OF THE MUTUAL

Charles A. Peabody Chosen By the Board of Trustees to Succeed President McCurdy.

New York, Dec. 14.—Charles A. Peabody was elected president of the Mutual Life Insurance Co. at a meeting of the board of trustees Wednesday. Mr. Peabody's election was unanimous.

Mr. Peabody is a lawyer, and is the American representative of William Waldorf Astor. He is a director in several banks.

NEGRO ELECTED IN CANADA

Dr. Shadd Returned to Parliament From the New Province of Saskatchewan.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—In the first election of the new province of Saskatchewan, held Thursday, one of the surprises was the return of Dr. Shadd in Kinistino. Shadd is a negro, the first of his race to obtain a seat in the Canadian legislature.

Paid Duty With Personal Check.
Washington, Dec. 18.—Miss Alice Roosevelt's personal check for \$1,206.15 has been sent to the collector of the port of Georgetown, in payment of customs duties on the various presents which she brought back with her from the orient.

John A. McCall Seriously Ill.
New York, Dec. 18.—John A. McCall, president of the New York Life, is seriously ill, with pneumonia. Mr. McCall contracted a cold last Monday, and against the advice of his physician, attended a meeting of the company Wednesday.

Cattle Thief Gets Thousand Years.
Victoria, Tex., Dec. 18.—Mat Porter, aged 78, charged with cattle theft, was convicted, and the jury assessed his punishment at 1,000 years in the penitentiary. It is believed that he has been responsible for numerous cattle thefts, but evidence to convict was lacking.

Clergyman Paralyzed Over Bier.
Litchfield, Ill., Dec. 18.—While preaching the funeral sermon of Thomas J. Cox, Rev. J. W. Wright was stricken with paralysis, and is in a precarious condition.

After Twenty-Six Years.
Corpus Christi, Tex., Dec. 18.—George W. Talley, who killed Josh Peters, 26 years ago, was convicted of murder in the second degree and given a seven-year sentence. At the time of the killing, Peters was a stockman and Talley a ranger.

Mother's Fate a Mistake.
Lawton, Okla., Dec. 18.—Mrs. W. G. Withers, of Payne county, gave her little son, Charles, bicarbonate of mercury, mistaking it for quinine. The boy died in agony.

WALSH CONCERNS EMBARRASSED

John R. Walsh, the Chicago Multi-millionaire, Forced to Assign.

TOO MANY IRONS IN THE FIRE

Three Financial Institutions Involved, But the Other Banks Have Stepped into the Breach and Have Averted a Crash.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Three of the highest financial institutions in the west, the Chicago national bank, the Home Savings bank and the Equitable Trust Co., all of them controlled by John R. Walsh, of this city, and in great measure owned by him, suspended operations Monday.

Mr. Walsh, who was the president of the Chicago national bank and of the Equitable Trust Co. and all the other officers and all the directors of the Chicago national bank have resigned.

Examiner Bosworth in Charge.

National Bank Examiner Bosworth has succeeded Mr. Walsh at the head of the Chicago national bank, and the places of the directors have been filled by men appointed by the Chicago clearinghouse. Back of the new management stand the allied banks of Chicago, who have pledged their resources that every depositor shall be paid to the last cent, and that no customer of any one of the three institutions shall lose anything by reason of the suspension. Had not this action been taken by the banks of the city a disastrous panic must have followed in the financial world. As it was, the only effect in this city was the decline on the local stock exchange of 2 1/2% in the price of National Biscuit common stock, which has employed the Equitable Trust as transfer agent, and had, besides, dealings with the Chicago national bank, but is not affected by the failure in the slightest degree. The closing of the two banks had the effect also of shutting off all demand on the local exchange for bank stocks, none of them being purchased.

THE CAUSE OF THE COLLAPSE

The immediate cause of the collapse of the institutions controlled by Mr. Walsh is said to be the large amount of money which they have loaned to various private enterprises of his—namely the Southern Indiana railway and the Bedford Quarries Co., of Indiana. Mr. Walsh claims that if he could have had a little more time and been left untrammelled in his operations he could have saved his banks and made enormous profits for himself and his associates. He bases this statement on his estimate of the value of the bonds of the Southern Indiana Railroad Co. The comptroller, the state auditor and the members of the Chicago clearinghouse committee place the value of the bonds at one-half the valuation of Mr. Walsh, and it was their refusal to accept his valuation that caused the suspension of the banks.

THE AGGREGATE LIABILITIES

The liabilities of the three institutions are estimated, in the aggregate, at \$26,000,000. Against this amount the banks and the trust company have resources that are on a conservative estimate worth \$16,000,000. The bonds of the Southern Indiana Railroad Co. are estimated by Mr. Walsh as being worth \$16,000,000. They are considered by the comptroller, state auditor and the clearinghouse committee to be worth a little more than half that sum.

There is a matter to be determined in the future, and the president of the local banks admit that if the estimate of Mr. Walsh is found to be correct, the two banks and the trust company will not only pay all of their debts, but leave a surplus besides. The directors of the two banks and Mr. Walsh, who has turned over all his private property as well as that standing in the name of Mrs. Walsh, have pledged real estate and securities valued at \$5,000,000, and estimating the railroad bonds at \$8,000,000 assets against \$26,000,000 liabilities.

PERSONNEL OF THE INSTITUTIONS

The officers of the Chicago national bank were: President, John R. Walsh; vice-president, F. M. Blount, and the directors were: John R. Walsh, F. M. Blount, F. G. McNally, John M. Smith, William Best, C. K. G. Billings, Maurice Rosenfeld. The deposits in the bank were \$14,498,000, and there was due to other banks \$2,038,851.

The officers of the Home savings bank were: President, William J. Onahan; vice-president, Maurice Rosenfeld. The directors were: C. K. G. Billings, Maurice Rosenfeld, John M. Smith, W. J. Onahan, William Best, John R. Walsh.

The officers and directors of the Equitable Trust Co. were particularly the same as those of the Home savings bank, with the exception of Mr. Walsh, who was president in place of Mr. Onahan.

TWO SHOT FIRERS KILLED

Pittsburg, Kas., Dec. 19.—John McIlvain and John Hopper, shot firers, were killed by an explosion in the Sheridan Coal Co. mines, 12 miles north of this city. The top house of the mine was blown to pieces by the explosion and the inside of the mine badly damaged.

DEATH OF PROF. S. S. ORRIS

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 19.—Prof. S. Stanhope Orris, professor emeritus of Princeton university, and one of the foremost scholars in the United States, died here of paralysis.

SANITARY CONDITIONS IN CANAL ZONE

New York, Dec. 19.—John L. Stevens, chief engineer of the Panama canal, who arrived from Colon on the steamer Havana yesterday, said the sanitary conditions of the isthmus are good enough for anyone who will live as cleanly as at home.

HELD FOR THE GRAND JURY

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Samuel N. Hoffheimer, accused of swindling the banking firm of S. W. Straus & Co. out of \$255,000, was held to the grand jury by Justice Cochrane in bonds of \$22,500.

BRICK TRUST SURRENDERS

Nine Defendants Entered Pleas of Non-Contender.

They Were Fined Two Thousand Dollars Each, Which Was Immediately Paid.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—The so-called "brick trust" of Chicago made a complete surrender to State's Attorney Healy in court Monday and were fined an aggregate of \$18,000. The company and a number of its officials, together with two labor leaders were indicted for conspiracy to do an illegal act, to prevent competition and to restrict the production and sale of brick in the Chicago market.

As soon as the cases were called in court, the defense announced that William Weckler, general superintendent of the Illinois Brick Co., had decided to turn state's evidence and it was desired that the punishment to be inflicted on the other nine defendants should be remitted in his case.

State's Attorney Healy declared that he was willing that this action should be taken in Mr. Weckler's case and the attorneys then entered pleas of non-contender for all the other defendants. The court assessed fines of \$2,000 in each instance. The amount was paid at once by the attorneys and the defendants were dismissed.

The charge against the labor leaders included with the officials of the brick combine in the indictment was that they called strikes on buildings where the contractors used bricks purchased from others than those in the combination. In cases where these strikes were called it was stated by the state's attorney, the contractors were compelled to pay their men for all the time they were under strike under penalty of having a second strike called.

WANT TO SAVE THEIR BACON

Midshipmen at Annapolis Considering the Adviseability of Making Wholesale Confession.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 19.—Midshipmen here have announced their intention of urging the whole student body to go to the superintendent and confess that they have participated in hazing. They believe that as it would not be practical to expel the whole school, such action would save those who have been or may be caught.